

REMARKS

In the pending Final Office Action, the Examiner asserts that claims 13 – 16, 27, 42, 52, 53, 66, 68 – 70, 72, 78, 79, 86, 88, and 89 are anticipated and/or obvious in view of Lee (US2002/0053058). However, Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner allows claims 1 – 12, 30 – 41, and 54 – 65, and indicates that claims 17 – 26, 28, 29, 43 – 51, 67, 71, 73 – 77, 80 – 85, 87, and 90 contain allowable subject matter. In response, Applicant amends claims 13, 42, 66, and 86 to include the limitations of allowable claim 20 and cancels claim 20. In addition, Applicant amends claims 21, 25, 67, 68, and 71 – 75 to conform these claims to the corresponding amended independent claims. No new matter is added. In light of these amendments, Applicant requests that the examiner reconsider the rejections and allow claims 1 – 19, 21 – 79 and 86 – 90.

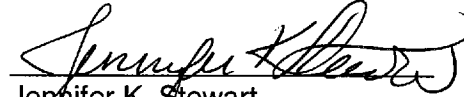
Regarding claims 80 – 85, Applicant finds the rejection confusing. The Examiner objects to claim 80 for being dependent on an rejected base claim. However, claim 80 is an independent claim. Because independent claim 80 corresponds to already allowed claims 1, 30, and 54, and because the Examiner indicates that claim 80 contains allowable subject matter, Applicant assumes that the Examiner meant to allow independent claim 80 and dependent claims 81 – 85. If this assumption is incorrect, Applicant requests that the Examiner call the undersigned so that any issues regarding claims 80 – 85 may be addressed in a timely manner.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 1 – 19 and 21 – 90 stand in condition for allowance. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections and issue a notice of allowance for the instant application. If

any issues remain unresolved, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned so that any such issues may be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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